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In the PATENT APPLICATION of:

Jacobson et al.

Application No.: 09/888,818

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For: ACIDIFIED IMITATION CHEESE SAUCE
AND PUDDING COMPOSITIONS AND
METHODS FOR PRODUCING SUCH
COMPOSITIONS

Group: 1761

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Our File: AFP-PT006.1

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Madam:

Further to Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of all cited references are enclosed.

The following materials listed on the Form-1449 in the "Other Documents" section are known to the Applicants to have pH levels, total titrateable acidity (TTA) content, protein content, total solids content, and moisture phase acidity (MPA) level as set forth in the table below. While the Applicants do not necessarily contend that the listed compositions are "prior art" under any subsection of 37 C.F.R. §102, the information is supplied in order to comply with Applicants' duty of good faith and

candor under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Unless otherwise indicated, Applicants only tested a single sample and do not represent that the test results are necessarily applicable to the product in general. Applicants also do not represent that the testing methods used are standard industry practice.

	pH	TTA(%)	Protein	Total Solids (wt%)	MPA
CAMPBELL'S ® Tomato Bisque Soup (condensed/undiluted)	4.02	0.63	1.86	22.10	0.81
CAMPBELL'S ® Tomato Soup (condensed/undiluted)	4.08	.065	1.75	18.89	0.80
CAMPBELL'S ® Cream of Mushroom Soup (condensed/undiluted)	6.16	0.18	1.32	15.78	0.21
CAMPBELL'S ® New England Clam Chowder Soup (chunky-style/undiluted)	6.07	0.16	2.69	16.97	0.19
CAMPBELL'S® Cream of Potato Soup (condensed/undiluted)	5.71	0.14	1.65	16.92	0.17
VLASIC FOODS® OPEN PIT® Original Bar-B-Que Sauce	3.09	2.96	0.50	34.62	4.53
KRAFT® Honey Bar-B-Que Sauce	3.11	2.50	0	41.78	4.29
HUNT'S® SNACK PACK® Puddin' Pies™ (lemon meringue)	3.54	0.42	0	31.00	0.61
JELL-O® Fat-Free Pudding Snacks (chocolate)	6.81	0.11	2.07	24.00	0.14
HUNT'S® SNACK PACK® Juicy Gels® (strawberry)	4.08	0.54	0.07	25.79	0.73
LUCKY LEAF® Apple Sauce	3.58	0.42	0	11.86	0.48
KRAFT® HANDI-SNACKS® Pudding (tapioca)	6.50	0.07	1.36	25.46	0.09
KRAFT® HANDI-SNACKS® Pudding (butterscotch)	6.28	0.06	1.43	27.64	0.08
SWISS MISS® Lemon Merinque Pudding (Stirred)	3.58	0.48	0	30.86	0.69
JELL-O® Gelatin Snacks (strawberry orange)	3.82	0.52	0.18	19.38	0.65
KRAFT® ROKA® Blue Cheese Salad Dressing	3.56	1.75	1.80	53.16	3.84

	pH	TTA(%)	Protein	Total Solids (wt%)	MPA
KRAFT® FREE® Blue Cheese-Flavored Salad Dressing	3.12	1.04	1.40	39.16	2.30
KRAFT® FREE® Ranch Salad Dressing	3.31	1.16	1.55	37.51	2.48
HELLMAN'S® Real Mayonnaise	3.77	0.83	0.40	82.06	2.23
WISH BONE® Thousand Island Salad Dressing	3.34	1.16	1.79	63.75	4.94
KRAFT® Zesty Italian Salad Dressing	3.16	0.27	1.87	39.17	3.07
HENRI'S Fat-Free French-Style Dressing	3.58	0.21	1.32	38.76	2.16
CAMPBELL'S® Fiesta Nacho Cheese Soup	5.41	.48	3.77	20.50	
CAMPBELL'S® Cheddar Cheese Soup	5.10	.38	2.55	18.61	
CAMPBELL'S® Tomato Soup	4.12	.63	1.55	19.37	
CAMPBELL'S® Cream of Chicken	6.19	.09	2.23	16.73	
KRAFT® Original BBQ	3.18	2.81	0	31.69	

The pH of the above compositions was determined using an Orion Model 811 micro-processor pH/meter using the standard instructions for use.

The total titrateable acidity (T.T.A.) of the compositions above was determined as follows: five grams of the sample composition was mixed with 45 ml. of deionized water. Subsequently, a 0.1N solution of sodium hydroxide was added drop-wise into the sample/water mixture until a pH of 8.1 was reached. The amount (in ml.) of sodium hydroxide required to raise the sample to 8.1 was reported as the total titrateable acidity.

Protein was determined using a Buchi Kjeldahl nitrogen analyzer:

Total solids were determined by use of the CEM Lab Wave 9000 analyzer using

the standard protocol for operating such analyzer.

Samples of imitation cheese sauce products, having the following composition, were publicly offered by one of the inventors in the application to potential customers between approximately January of 1999 to July of 1999.

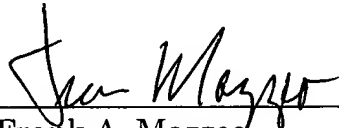
COMPONENT	PERCENT
Water	70.90
Partially hydrogenated soybean oil	8.00
Maltodextrin	6.00
Modified tapioca starch	4.00
Forced ripened cheddar cheese	2.00
Whey protein concentrate (80%)	1.50
Salt	1.30
Jalapeno puree	1.00
Tomato paste	1.00
Enzyme modified cheese flavor	1.75
Sugar	1.00
Yeast extract	0.50
Coloring	0.20
Glucono-o-lactone	0.20
Phosphoric acid	0.20
Sodium benzoate	0.10
Acid phosphate	0.10
Xanthan gum	0.10
Mustard flour	0.10
Mono & diglycerides	0.10
Spice	0.05
TOTAL	100%

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating her consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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